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NPEFS Imputed Data Review



Next month, we will make the imputed NPEFS data available for states to review. Each year, we have approximately 35 states whose data go through the imputation process. The data will be available for review in our web application. All respondents will have two weeks to review their data and signal their approval electronically. You will, of course, need your NPEFS password to access this application. Contact NPEFS staff if you need your password re-issued.



Next month, we will send out the crosswalk letter that informs states of the start of the FY05 NPEFS Crosswalk processing year. The letter is geared toward enlisting additional state participation as well as providing guidance and direction for current Crosswalk states. Another state joins the Crosswalk program for FY05, bringing the total Crosswalk state participation to 19. Any other states wishing to join the Crosswalk program should let us know right away.



This is a good time for current Crosswalk participants to begin their annual record maintenance to the translation table. Records that will not be used in FY05 should be deleted and new records should be added. Please remember to use the "Date" field when adding additional records. Send in the state databases immediately after updating. The Crosswalk staff will prepare tables in each database to begin the new FY05 survey year. Now is the time to send in your state database from the completion of the FY04 survey, if you have not already done so.



Thank You, Thank You!

Congratulations to all FY 2004 F-33 respondents!!! You now hold the record for the most timely data submitters. Our final few files were sent in September, marking the first time all states responded before October. This helps tremendously with our efforts to release data to the public sooner. Big thanks from the F-33 staff and we look forward to an even better response for FY 2005.



F-33 Preliminary Files

Two sets of preliminary files, containing data for 29 states, were sent to NCES over the past few months. This effort is an attempt to enhance the timeliness of school district data release. The Census Bureau will be forwarding one more preliminary file in November, then a final data file in December. Scheduled release for the NCES files and documentation is set for early 2006.

New F-33 Survey Items

The F-33 staff will be conducting a pre-test of potential new data items for the FY 2006 form. Respondents will receive an e-mail within the next month containing a short questionnaire to assess your ability to report some local revenue items. These items were discussed at the July Data Conference and include property sales, rental income, and various minor taxes. The addition of these items is in response to a redesign of other government surveys at the Census Bureau. Adding these items, where applicable, will enable the F-33 form to more closely resemble forms sent to cities, counties, and township governments.

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